

GIANTS AND ST. LOUIS TEAM PLAY RED-HOT FIRST GAME.

Cardinals Score First Run in Second Inning — Taylor and Currie Have It Out in Brilliant Pitchers' Battle.

The Battling Order.

St. Louis.	New York.
Nichols, 1b.	Jones, 1f.
Smoot, cf.	McGraw, ss.
Barclay, 1f.	McGann, 1b.
Donovan, rf.	Brodie, cf.
Farrell, 2b.	Lauder, 3b.
Kruger, ss.	Smith, 2b.
Hartman, 3b.	Dunn, rf.
Ryan, c.	Bowerman, c.
Currie, p.	Taylor, p.
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POL GROUNDS, July 28.—After the weather disturbance of yesterday New York's baseball enthusiasts were a bit wary this afternoon. They made a survey of the heavens before they exchanged their silver for admission tickets, and as many considered the day not the pleasantest they denied themselves the chance of seeing Patsy Donovan's boys from St. Louis engage the Giants in the opening game of the series. So the Hon. P. D. must not feel that New Yorkers do not care a rap for his team. Indeed they do.

They have read of how Pittsburg's great aggregation of ball players were made to taste defeat during the week just passed. By that the local fans of this city figured the Westerners as capable of making the Giants show all the fine points of game McGraw has taught them in order to win out.

But so long as rain held off and there seemed a change of it doing so for a couple of hours, the Donovanas and the McGrawittes played their scheduled games.

Donovan had his usual wall to make. "I'm bad off in pitchers," he said. "If I had New York pitchers I'd start them." He went through the League rules like a bullet through an inch plank. "Three men are all I have in condition. M. O'Neill and Yerkes are a pair, and I have had to work them in ten of the last twelve games we played. Clarence Currie is the other fellow, and I guess he will have to do business with them Giants this afternoon."

Patsy means a great deal. He knows that Clarence had beaten the Giants twice this year when the fellow was one of the Red Stockings' contingent of Cincinnati, and he expected the boys to repeat his performance to-day.

But the Hon. Donovan probably did not take into consideration the fact that the Giants of to-day are not the same that made up the team when Currie did his fine work.

With the same snap and dash that

the Glasco put in the games against the Brooklynns they went against the St. Louisans. They chased fly balls as though the loose Bronx puma was at their heels and picked up grounders just as finely as they would gold nuggets.

Johnny McGraw was undecided for a time who to work against the team of which he was leader two seasons ago, but his choice seemed to be between Luther Taylor and Jack Cronin. Luther had not worked in nearly a week and so it was a 50 to 1 chance before the game that he would get the job, but Cronin was ready and willing to work

First Inning.
A little fly was what Nichols sent up and Lauder was under it. McGraw's throw of Smoot's hit just beat the St. Louisian to first. Lauder threw the first-located Barclay out by three yards.
No runs.
Jones's rap was so hard it nearly knocked "Louie" Hartman down, but the ball was at first ahead of Jimmy. "Louie" was there and got McGraw's rap, too, and shot it to first. McGann cut the breezes with his bat. No runs.

Donovan got a base on his knock-out McGraw. Farrell beat out his bunt because McGann and several others tried to get it. Kruger's bunt was a sacrifice, which McGann handled. While McGraw was throwing Hartman's hit to first Donovan dashed over the plate. Lauder had to do fast work before he got Ryan's bunt to first. One run.

Brodie bounced the ball to Currie and he might have saved himself the trouble

Currie could not locate the ball with this bat in three tries. McGraw helped put out Nichols on the retired list. Smith McGraw was the way Smoot went out. No runs.

had a race for first and the ball won out. Jones's fly was so high that it gave Smoot time to get under it. Nichols, without any help, retired McGraw. No runs.

Fourth Inning.

Bowerman got Barclay's bounce in front of the plate and sent it to first. Smith ran back and got Donovan's smash. Farrell got a base because Mc-

Draw threw his hit badly to McGann. Farrell was caught in trying to steal second, but the umpire let him go back to first, claiming that Smith interfered with his running. Smith, though, helped to dispose of Kruezer. No runs.

Hartman threw McGraw out on the batter's fast rolling out. Farrell picked up Brodie's slow roller and got it to Nicholas in the gap. Shaped Lauder's rap next direct to Kruezer and Billy was the third out. No runs.

Fifth Inning.

Hartman's fly dropped into Brodie's

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